



Mount Albion Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER

2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

As we welcome a new season we also welcome new staff members to Mount Albion School. As you are aware we have opened a new FDK class as well as a grade 1/2 class. We welcome the following new staff members to our team:

Mrs. T. Fair Grade 1/2

Mrs. N. Grueing FDK

Mrs. S. Houle Grade 3 (a.m.)

Mrs. H. Ryan Grade 2 (p.m.)

Mr. J. Pollock Music (covering for Mrs. Honeyford)

You will have the opportunity to meet our new and returning staff members on Wednesday, October 2nd between 5:00-6:30 p.m. at our Meet the Teacher Evening. Classrooms will be open for viewing at this time. Please remember that this is a time to meet your child's teacher and view their new classrooms. Parent teacher interviews will occur later this fall following progress report cards.

Mrs. A. Giardino
Principal



PIZZA DAYS

Pizza days will be returning to Mount Albion on Thursdays, starting in October. Order forms will be going home soon. Our provider is Pizza Pizza, and it meets all of the requirements for our Nutritional Policy. Thanks to Mr. Pickett, Ms. Bujara and Ms. Davidson for organizing this scrumptious weekly event! Make sure you have a Schoolcash Online account to make payments! Contact the Office! Mmmmmmm... PIZZA!!!



We are offering Halal pizza this year!

Cross-Country Grades 3-8

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Conservation
Area



Friday, October 8th

Grade 7 Immunizations



Friday, October 26th



Recycling and Litterless Lunches!

Please be sure to send your child with a Litterless Lunch! Please use Tupperware and recyclable items for packaging your child's food. We are unable to accept containers with food in them, or food residue, as they become unrecyclable. We are encouraging a Boomerang Lunch as well, everything your child does not eat, including half- or uneaten food can go back in the lunch bag where it can be properly disposed of in your family's green waste box or recycling bins. Every little bit counts, let's work together to lessen our footprints on the Earth!



Nutrition Program

We as a school community, have been blessed with many donations to be used for the school nutrition program this year! A HUGE, WARM & HEARTFELT *thank you* to the following incredibly generous organizations for helping us fund this incredible program that makes such a difference in our school:



Purple Shirt Day

Thursday, October 24th



I can't fix this by myself.
I don't like when **YOU** do that.
I'm feeling uncomfortable.
Things **ARE** not ok. I need help.
I have a problem. I feel unsafe.
I don't have anyone to talk to.
I don't know what to do. I'm down.
This is **NOT** what I want.
I don't like being made fun of.
I need to talk to someone.
I feel **ALONE**.

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO CARE FOR KIDS

EVERY CHILD AND YOUTH HAS A RIGHT TO SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

ONTARIO DRESS PURPLE DAY

OCTOBER 24

oacas.org/DressPurpleDay



#IBREAKthesilence

MEET the TEACHER NIGHT!

Wednesday, October 2nd

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



Enjoy food from
The Salted Pig!

HALLOWEEN!!

KINDERGARTEN to GRADE 5

Please send your child to school dressed in their costumes. We will have the Kindergarten parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please label every part of your child's costume!



There will be a dance for our Grades 6-8 students in the afternoon, beginning right after the afternoon break.



For Your Information



Mount Albion is proud to be a (mostly) cashless school! We will accept cash for special days, like cookie days or event days like Terry Fox, but all other fees must be paid using Schoolcash Online. If you are still not registered, please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome Back Everyone,

Your Mount Albion Parent Council has had our first meeting on Thursday, September 26th and during the meeting our roles for the 2019/2020 school year have been voted.

Co-Chair - Amber Mayne

Co-Chair - Melissa Smith

Secretary - Victoria Llewelin

Treasurer - Sue Dumoulin

Due to the increase in class sizes, Mount Albion will be opening up a couple new classes and will need additional funding to cover things like outdoor toys & activities for the upper fenced in area. Parent Council voted to donate \$1000.00 towards what they will need to ensure your children have toys in both fenced in areas.

Majority also voted in favor of purchasing 10 new girls volleyball/basketball jerseys with total cost donated being \$390.00 and the school will match our purchase & donation with another 10 jerseys totaling 20 new girls jerseys for the upcoming sports seasons.

School Council will also be planning 2-3 fundraisers throughout the school year. There was lots of brainstorming during our meeting, and work has already begun on strategies for a successful year of fundraising. We will be finalizing our plans at our next meet, so if you are considering volunteering with the school this year, we would love to have you join us!

Our meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. with some exceptions.

Next Meeting Dates are as follows:

Thursday, October 24th & Thursday, November 21st, both at 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving - Monday, October 14

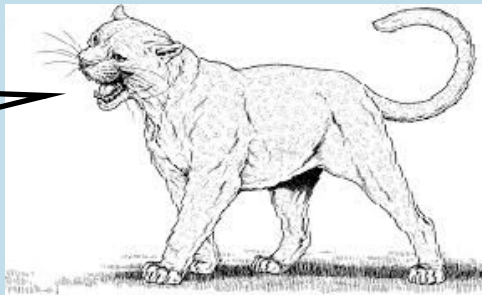




Are you a **COOKIE MONSTER!!!!**

Well, if you answered **YES** to that question, have we got good news for you!

I LOVE
COOKIES!!!



COOKIES AND COUGARS

has come to Mount Albion!

Every Wednesday, on sale at 2nd Nutrition Break, outside of
Mr. Duffy's classroom, ROOM 3.

Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal or White Chocolate Delite! MMMM!!!!!!

\$1.00 EACH

HALAL! KOSHER! TREE NUT FREE!!!!

Profits will fund busses for Special Class trips



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Reminder to parents and guardians to call the school office before 8:40 a.m., if your child is going to be late or absent from school due to an illness, appointment or a family holiday. It is the policy of the HWDSB to contact parents in the event that the student does not arrive at school and the school has not been notified about an absence or late arrival.

Please understand that **not all students begin their day with their homeroom teacher** so messages regarding attendance that are given to the homeroom teacher do not always make it to the office. A note to the office or a call to our 24hr answering machine (905-560-0908) will ensure that student absences will be received.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with us in this important daily activity to make sure that your child arrives at school safely.

***We would also ask that if your child needs to be excused early from school, that he/she brings a note to the office in the morning so we can have them properly signed out and ready for when they are to be picked up. This will help everyone to be organized and on time as much as possible. Thank you. ***

REMINDER!



The morning bell rings at

8:40 a.m.

Please help your child(ren) be on time in the morning to ensure a full and uninterrupted school day.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING



Please ensure the Accessible Parking spots in the upper and lower lots are left open for those who require those spaces.



Follow Us on Twitter (@mountalbion)

One great way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Mount Albion School is to follow us on Twitter! Through our Twitter feed you will get frequent updates on life at Mount Albion School including important reminders, special events, community happenings, and student activities.

Follow us by going to www.twitter.com/mountalbion and clicking "Follow". You can also use the Twitter App to get updates sent straight to your Smart phone/device!



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

This is a reminder that the school cannot dispense medications without the signed authorization of both a parent/guardian and physician. This includes such items as cough syrup, Tylenol and other over the counter medications. Please ask the school office for the proper form for your doctor to complete for this purpose. We are sorry for any inconvenience or added expense this may cause, we must however follow HWDSB medical protocols.

Epi-Pen Reminder



Please ensure your child always has their epi-pen and puffers, and that the one in the school office has not expired. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

NO SMOKING PLEASE



Just a reminder that smoking is not permitted anywhere on School or Board property at any time of the day or night. This by-law applies to staff, students, visitors and parents. It also includes the interior of your vehicle. The parking lot is considered school property according to the by-law. Please remember that we want to maintain a smoke-free environment.

Dogs on School Property



Yes—our canine friends are cute and for the most part, we know that they are friendly. However, we must respect that some of our children are afraid of dogs, and having them close by causes stress and anxiety. We also know that dogs who are normally friendly can be startled by fast moving children and can snap at fingers and faces if startled.

We ask that you do not bring your family pets on-to school property during school hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

Thanks for your understanding.

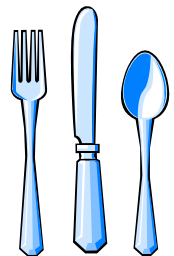
If you walk your dog on school grounds during the evenings or weekends, please remember to 'stoop and scoop'. We appreciate your support.

ILLNESS



*Please keep your child at home when they are sick. In cases of vomiting, please ensure they stay home for 24-hours once it has stopped.
Thank you!*

Please remember to pack forks and spoons in your child's lunch!






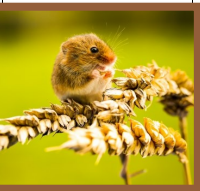


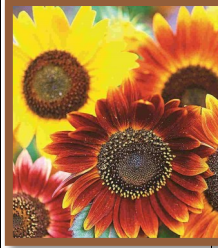



ALL visitors and parents must report to the office upon *entry* to the school.

Visitor Passes will be issued.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 (5)	2 (1)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY Meet the Teacher Night 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	3 (2)	4 (3) School Photo Day CHEESE! 	5 
6 	7 (4)	8 (5) CROSS- COUNTRY Christie Conservation Area 	9 (1)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	10 (2)	11 (3)	12 
13 THANKSGIVING 	14 	15 (4)	16 (5)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	17 (1)	18 (2)	19 
20 	21 (3)	22 (4)	23 (5)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY	24 (1) PURPLE SHIRT DAY!  SCHOOL COUNCIL 6:00 p.m.	25 (2)	26  
27 	28 (3)	29 (4)	30 (5)  COUGAR COOKIE DAY HALLOWEEN K-5 Parade at 9:00 a.m. Intermediate Halloween Dance (p.m.)	31 (1) HALLOWEEN K-5 Parade at 9:00 a.m. Intermediate Halloween Dance (p.m.)  		